

NEW HAMPSHIRE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION  
DIVISION OF EDUCATOR SUPPORT AND HIGHER EDUCATION  
101 Pleasant Street, Concord, NH 03301

**PROFESSIONAL STANDARDS BOARD**

**January 9, 2019**

**Room 15**

**12pm to 3:00 pm**

**Meeting Minutes**

**Regular Meeting:**

**Present:** Steve Appleby, Kirk Beitler, Joe Crawford, Joanne Goelzer, Kenneth Gorrell, Jack Grube, Cynthia Lucero, Beth McClure, Irv Richardson, Christie Sweeney, Page Tompkins (via teleconference), Anne Wallace, Kimberly Yarlott

**Absent:** Janine Casavant, Vincent Connelly, Katrina Hall, Joann Misra, Christine Oskar-Poisson, David Webster, Lisa Witte

**Department Staff:** Amanda Phelps, William Ross, Ashlee Stetser, Michael Seidel

**Other:** Mary Murphy

**I. CALL TO ORDER:**

A. Chair Anne Wallace called the meeting to order at 12:30 and asked that everyone take a moment to review the minutes.

**II. MINUTES:**

**MOTION** – Jack Grube made a motion to approve the minutes from December 5, 2018. Christine Oskar-Poisson seconded the motion. The motion passed with one abstention (Joanne Misra).

**III. OPEN BOARD DISCUSSION:**

**A. Criminal Background Check Study Committee Report**

Steve Appleby gave an update for the PSB members stating that the background checks will roll out with new applicants only. Phase 2 will expand to renewals and traditional pathways to certification. Kimberly Yarlott expressed concern for the hiring process as there is currently an 8-12 week back log waiting for a background check. Steve Appleby stated that the Department of Safety turns the checks around in 3-4 business days. Discussion continued about the wait time. Anne Wallace asked if a new endorsement would trigger a background check and Steve Appleby assured the board that it would not.

**B. Update on Rule Revision Committees**

1. Ed 507.39 and Ed 612.07 – General Special Education Teacher (Expire 9/16/19); Ed 507.391 and Ed 612.071 – Early Childhood Special Education Programs (Expire 9/16/19); Ed 507.40 through Ed 507.45 Special Education Teacher Categoricals – Co-Chairs, Cynthia Lucero and Joann Misra

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Cynthia Lucero and Joanne Goelzer gave an update on progress to date for the special education teacher licenses. They continue to work in small groups on each separate rule.

2. Ed 507.11 and Ed 612.04 – Elementary Education Teacher – Co-Chairs Anne Wallace and Joanne Goelzer

Anne Wallace stated that she has held one meeting to date and continues to attempt to pull together a diverse working group. She stated that they would be meeting later in the day to form smaller working groups and added that they hope to have a proposal ready for the May State Board of Education meeting.

3. Ed 507.05 Comprehensive Technology Education Teacher (Expires (8/12/19) – Kirk Beitler

Kirk Beitler stated that the group decided not to add a grade span to the proposal as was suggested at the November meeting. Jack Grube asked Amanda Phelps to explain why the proposal is so much longer. Amanda Phelps explained that the corresponding Ed 600 rule for the educator preparation programs was embedded in Ed 612.31 with many other credentials that also require bachelor's degrees and are technically not career and technical education endorsements. Jack Grube asked to amend the document so that the proposed Ed 612.31 would be struck out to match all of the other endorsement areas.

**MOTION** – Steve Appleby made a motion to approve as amended. Irv Richardson seconded the motion. The motion passed with 10 members approving and one abstention from Kimberly Yarlott.

4. Ed 505.01 through Ed 505.05 regarding Qualifying Methods for Obtaining a Teacher Credential (Alternative 1-5) Expire 9/16/19 – Chair Page Tompkins

Page Tompkins provided a detailed summary of changes for both the immediate changes needed and the long-term plan.

Kirk Beitler asked for clarity regarding the stakeholder group for the long-term plan. Page Tompkins explained that “district” did not necessarily mean school district, and that in the proposal for the State Board he would add “such as, but not limited to”. Kirk Beitler added that IHEs should be at the table. Page Tompkins explained that the stakeholders are districts, IHEs, and credential holders. Bill Ross added that he can identify districts that use Alternatives 4 and 5 a lot. Kimberly Yarlott stated that it would be important to include districts who refuse to hire Alternative candidates because the process is not rigorous enough.

5. *Ed 507.35 - Educational Interpreter/Transliterators for Children and Youth Ages 3-21 - Kirk Beitler, Chair*

Kirk Beitler stated that he would have an update for the next meeting.

**C. Social Studies Curriculum**

In Janine Casavant's absence, Irv Richardson provided an update.

**D. Computer Science Minimum Standards**

In Nate Greene's absence, no other members had information.

**IV. SPECIAL PRESENTATIONS - none**

**IV. OFFICE OF POLICY UPDATES**

**A. Update on Rulemaking – Amanda Phelps**

Amanda Phelps provided an update on rules and where they are in the process as follows:

1. *Ed 505.08 and Ed 610.01 – Code of Conduct Requirement – Public Hearing, January 10, 2019*
2. *Ed 1400 – Learn Anywhere Program – State Board Approved Initial Proposal, Public Hearing – February 14, 2019*
3. *Ed 502.03 – Custodian of Records – State Board Initial Proposal, January 10, 2019*

**V. DEPARTMENT REPORT**

**A. State Board of Education Update**

Anne Wallace provided the PSB with the upcoming meeting dates and suggested that members go online and read the minutes.

**B. Council for Teacher Education**

Ashlee Stetser provided an update on the monthly CTE meetings and discussed the criminal background check process as it relates to IHEs.

**VII. Adjournment**

**MOTION** – Kimberly Yarlott made a motion to adjourn (2:13 pm). Irv Richardson seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.

Full meeting recording is available upon request.

Next meeting March 6, 2019.